



2010 SPECIAL SESSION: DAY 11

March 25, 2010

Dear Kitchen Cabinet members,

Today was our first day voting on bills since Monday, and unfortunately we only spent about an hour on the floor. Session started at 10 and we approved a few gubernatorial appointments before the majority floor leader moved the Senate be at ease for a Rules meeting and caucus. **By the time the majority party came out of caucus, we had about 10 minutes before a fire alarm sounded in the Legislative building and we all had to evacuate.** Really, it was the only exciting thing that has happened all week. Fortunately, it was not a fire – it turns out a camera flash somehow activated the Senate chamber's smoke alarm system. After about half an hour, we returned to the floor to pass a few bills (*which were already passed during the regular legislative session*) and were told to go home ... for the rest of the week. The Senate will have a "pro forma" session tomorrow and possibly Monday, and will not meet Saturday and Sunday. I'm starting to wonder if we're ever going to see a resolution to this budget impasse in which the majority party has put itself.



Bill restricting sex predator computer access signed into law

Gov. Gregoire signed my bill, [Senate Bill 6308](#), into law today, effectively hampering the ability of committed sex predators to view child pornography in the state [Special Commitment Center](#) on McNeil Island. SCC Superintendent Kelly Cunningham joined me for today's bill signing.

While this bill isn't perfect, I do think it will serve us well going forward. **I'm absolutely committed to making sure the residents of the SCC will no longer have access to child pornography**

through their computers, and I will continue to work with Kelly on any problems that may surface.



SB 6308 requires the Department of Social and Health Services, which operates the SCC, to deny a resident use of a personal computer if his or her treatment plan states that computer access is harmful to that individual's program. In such a case, a sexually violent predator may still access a word processing device with limited functionality and no graphical capabilities.

Because these individuals are civilly – albeit involuntarily – committed, the state doesn't have the right to simply confiscate their personal property. However, we had to do something to stop the spreading victimization of children going on at the SCC, a growing trend among the committed individuals. **This bill is a great first step toward that goal.**

In closing...

If you know someone in our district who might be interested in receiving these updates, please feel free to forward this e-mail to him or her. You can always find information online by visiting my website at www.SenateRepublicans.wa.gov/Carrell.

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Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a small dot above the 'i'.

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